

SUNNYSIDE **COMPLETE COMMUNITIES**

Summary of Existing Plans



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EDUCATION

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EXISTING PLAN	PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/POLICIES	CITY DEPARTMENTS	POTENTIAL PARTNERS
	Support Student Success		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand counseling and social services at area schools, including mental health services		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Increase instructional support to boost student performance in reading and math		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand certification and college credit opportunities for high school students		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Incorporate extended learning and enrichment opportunities inside and outside of class such as bringing guest speakers, or field trips		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Organize listening sessions with students to understand needs and school improvement projects		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Encourage restorative discipline policies and practices to prevent students from being excluded from learning environments		
	Strengthen Area Schools		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Undertake a comprehensive and collaborative review of local schools to identify areas for improvement		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Advocate for culturally relevant curriculum with additional material for African-American and Latino history and culture		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Cultivate cultural competency, collaboration, and high expectations among school administrators, teachers, and staff		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Partner with school development officers to identify and secure additional funding for afterschool and enrichment programs		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Provide ongoing opportunities for parents and community members to support area schools, including mentoring, tutoring and parent-teacher organizations		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Transform Schools into Community Resources		
	Provide neighborhood services at area schools, utilizing gyms, or open spaces for gatherings and meetings		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand Education Programs for People of All Ages		
	Expand quality daycare and afterschool programs in the neighborhood		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Develop educational programs for community members who are re-entering from the disciplinary system		

HEALTH

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		Build a New Sunnyside Multi-Service Center and Health Center		
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ECONOMY and JOBS

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● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support Community Development Convene a summit on community change, gentrification and economic diversity strategies for development		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Sponsor a national conference in Sunnyside to bring together community development corporations and showcase best practices		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Incentivize and provide resources for small business development initiatives that prioritize community needs such as a grocery store and minor emergency facilities		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Attract New Development Attract new development in partnership with the TIRZ through incentivized development agreements, capital improvement projects and land acquisition		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand Community Benefits and Jobs Reform the City's Section 3 Jobs Program to provide additional employment opportunities to area residents		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Strengthen the position of area leaders to develop Community Benefit Agreements for all projects receiving public support in the neighborhood, including housing and economic development		

HOUSING

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	Strengthen Community Housing and Advocacy Organizations		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand the capacity and impact of area Community Development Corporations		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support Sunnyside's citizen directed neighborhood planning processes		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Advocate for development that meets needs of the neighborhood		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Maintain a list of vacant homes		
	Secure Housing for Renters and Owners		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Establish a Homestead Preservation District		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Establish a homeowner and renter stabilization project for elderly and residents with disabilities		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Create a program to assist elderly and disabled residents to maintain, and/or make accessibility improvements to their homes		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Conduct neighborhood assessment of housing conditions to prioritize rehabilitation programs for low-income single and multi-family rental housing		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Negotiate with area banks to facilitate home repair and mortgage loans		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Create a program to support existing homeowners with information and assistance on property taxes, appraisals, exemptions and the Residential Title Claim allowing long time renters to purchase their rental homes		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Leverage the Houston Community Land Trust to provide pathways to homeownership and protect existing homeowners who participate in the program		
	Build New Housing		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Establish an owner-builder initiative to develop new, and rehabilitate existing neighborhood homes		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Encourage the development of mixed-income rental housing		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support community-based real estate services		

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	Safe Housing		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Enforce city codes and ordinances to secure vacant housing, and demolish dangerous buildings		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Prohibit code violators from purchasing additional properties at tax sales		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Address the substandard conditions in some multi-family housing developments		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Reduce substandard housing in Sunnyside to less than twice the citywide rate by 2030		
	Housing Policy		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Expand Houston Housing Authority's Section 8 housing choice voucher to neighborhoods throughout the city, by developing housing in high-quality neighborhoods		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Amend public housing authority occupancy requirements to allow rental to people re-entering the community		

MOBILITY and INFRASTRUCTURE

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	Advocate for Quality Infrastructure		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Assess all public infrastructure in the neighborhood and upload to a public GIS server		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Reform Rebuild Houston to ensure equity in CIP spending and prioritizing projects in underserved neighborhoods		
	Improve Area Streets and Sidewalks		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Complete the network of sidewalks within Sunnyside		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Extend Buffalo Speedway south across Holmes Rd to West Orem to support planned development of Europa Green		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Create and inventory streetlight placement and conditions		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Identify key corridors for improvement with signage, lighting, trails, landscaping and parking		
	Improve Storm Drainage and Waste Water Management		
● ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Install, repair and replace drainage, water and wastewater systems, focusing on existing open ditches and other high need areas		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Connect new development to the Almeda Sims Treatment Facility, including the construction of sanitary lines to serve just south of Loop 610		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support local area drainage with regional detention projects		
	Expand Public Transit		
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Extend the Red Line from its current south terminus at the Fannin South Station, west along West Bellfort, to Holmes Road, then along South Main to the Harris County line		
	Bike Plan Projects		
○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○	Dedicated In Street ROW: (1) Reed Road from Rosehaven Dr. to Crestmont St.; (2) MLK Blvd. from 610 to Bellfort		
○ ○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○	Shared On-Street: (1) Rosehaven Dr. from Reed Rd. to Sims Bayou; (2) Ferdinand St. from Reed Rd. to Bellfort; (3) Doolittle Blvd. from MLK to Calhoun Rd, to Redbud St., to Lawler St.; (4) Lawler St. from Holmes Rd. to Bellfort; (5) Shelby Circle from Lawler St. to Bellfort		

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

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PARKS and COMMUNITY AMENITIES

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<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	<div>Improve Existing Amenities</div> <div>Design and renovate Bricker Pavilion including replacing roof, lighting and electrical upgrades, new equipment, drainage improvements and painting</div>		

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	Create Safe, Supportive Environments		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Build trust between the police and the community to ensure residents feel comfortable reporting crime and providing witness statements		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Develop and implement new crime prevention practices, such as community policing or other alternative policing and crime intervention techniques		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Offer crime and safety prevention seminars quarterly		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Establish an alternative policy and crime intervention research project to bring area stakeholders and law enforcement professionals together		
	Youth Programs		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Implement a pathways program for youth and young adults from high-crime neighborhoods to work in local law enforcement		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Assess existing youth law enforcement programs and national best practices for youth and police programs.		
	Re-entry Resources and Programs		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Enhance programs and services for people returning to the community, including additional educational and employment trainings, housing and mental health services		

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP and ADVOCACY

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● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Develop panel discussions, seminars, and training sessions to provide community leaders with information on the processes, tools, and strategies needed to pursue the goals.		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Advocate for policy that supports neighborhood priorities		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Implement neighborhood focus groups and surveys to provide ongoing understanding of community needs and priorities		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Grow Partnerships and Funding Create an inventory of existing resources and potential partners in Sunnyside, Houston, Texas, and U.S.		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Identify all local partners and actors, including students, parents, alumni, principals, and HISD administration and officials		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Create a list of potential funding and grants available for specific projects		
● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	Support Community Based Social Entrepreneurship Social entrepreneurs work to create positive outcomes in society including projects that address neighborhood beautification, school boosters, housing rehabilitation, after school programs, internships, and small businesses finance.		